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TITLE OF APPLICATION METHODS, COMPOSITIONS AND GENETIC SEQUENCES FOR MODULATING FLOWERING IN PLANTS, AND PLANTS GENETICALLY MODIFIED TO FLOWER EARLY AND TARDILY			

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,
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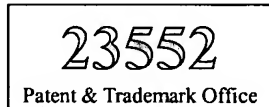
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C	MOLONEY, MM; WALKER, JM; AND SHARMA, KK, High efficiency transformation of <i>Brassica napus</i> using <i>Agrobacterium</i> vectors. Plant Cell Reports 8: 238-242.
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